HELP ME...

...BUCKY.

Tune In to the Midnight Heart

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HEY! YOUR FACE...

HMM?

SURE!

STARE

YOU CAN ENTRUST EVERY-THING TO ME!

YOUR FACE IS TOO CLOSE!

Heh heh heh!

YOU CAN SEE JUST HOW MAJESTIC MY SKIN IS, TOO, HUH?

...BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK I CAN BEAT AO-CHAN?

YOU GAVE A PRETTY COOL MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH EARLIER...

CREAK

I CAN THINK OF SEVERAL REASONS ...

BUT FIRST OF ALL...

SINGING ✗
DANCING ✗
CHATTING ✗

HOW, EXACTLY?

SHE'S BETTER THAN ME AT PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING.

INSINCERE FLATTERY ISN'T THE YAMABUKI FAMILY'S STYLE.

YOU POSSESS THE POTENTIAL TO BEAT HER.

Y-YOU DO?!

YEAH. I LOVE IT.

...I REALLY...

...LIKE YOUR VOICE.

A VTUBER'S VOICE IS ONE OF THEIR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS.

RIGHT. I SEE. MY VOICE, HUH?

GRAPHICS, VOICE, PLANNING SKILL...

NATURALLY, IF YOU'RE LACKING IN ANY OF THESE, YOU WON'T EVER BECOME POPULAR...

BUT PERSONALLY, VOICE IS THE ***MOST IMPORTANT*** TO ME.

AND IF THEY DON'T LIKE YOUR VOICE, I DOUBT THEY'LL BE ABLE TO LISTEN TO IT FOR LONG.

IT'S PRETTY MUCH AN AUDIO-ONLY EXPERIENCE AT THAT POINT...

WHEN IT'S A LONG STREAM, PEOPLE WILL TYPICALLY DO OTHER STUFF WHILE THEY'RE "WATCHING" IT.

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I'M CONFIDENT THAT YOUR VOICE...

THAT ALONE MAKES YOU A TOP-CLASS VTUBER!

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YOU HAVE...

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...A CHARM-ING AND ANGELIC VOICE.

I CAN JUST SIT BACK AND LISTEN TO IT ALL DAY.

カー BLUSH

...IS SUPERIOR TO AO MOMO-TOSE'S!

STOP! I'M SO EMBAR-RASSED FROM ALL THIS FLAT-TERY...

HOWEVER, HAVING A GREAT VOICE DOESN'T MEAN MUCH IF BARELY ANYONE LISTENS TO IT.

IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT YOU COLLAB WITH MORE POPULAR VTUBERS!

HUH? LIKE I SAID EARLIER, INSINCERE FLATTERY IS NOT MY STYLE.

I REALLY MEAN IT.

...I'M LITERALLY CLENCH-ING MY CHEEKS RIGHT NOW!

YOU'LL BE able TO REACH A FAR BIGGER AUDIENCE THAT WAY.

[SURPRISE COLLAB] TAKOYAKI PARTY WITH EVERYONE

PIEZOELECTRIC
100K SUBSCRIBERS

JOIN

YOU SHOULD JOIN THEIR LIVE STREAMS AS A GUEST.

BUT... WHO ON EARTH WOULD COLLAB WITH ME?

I'VE DONE A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH FOR THIS.

...THEY'LL SURELY TAKE AN INTEREST IN YOU.

ONCE THEY'VE HEARD YOUR VOICE...

KONPILER 15h
@konnn_piler

I'LL DM THE VTUBERS I WANT FOR THAT ONE PROJECT! BE SURE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT!

HAVE A LOOK.

THIS IS KONPILER, A VTUBER WITH OVER 150,000 SUBSCRIBERS.

SHE'S BEEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO RECRUIT PARTICIPANTS FOR A PROJECT.

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TEXT ON PICTURE: I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

SO, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT A SHOT?

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RESULTS

GAME MODE HA

CLEAR TIME 15:19

RANK

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YOU'LL BE SPEEDRUNNING A HORROR GAME, IT SEEMS.

SHE'S CALLING FOR VTUBERS WHO CAN BEAT THE GAME QUICKLY ON A LIVE STREAM.

LESSER KNOWN VTUBERS ARE WELCOME, TOO.

WHAT KIND OF PROJECT IS IT?

GOOD! THAT'S WHAT I EXPECTED TO HEAR.

CREAK

NOW THEN, WE HAVE TIME TO PRACTICE FOR THE GAME.

SO, LET'S DO THE STREAM A WEEK LATER.

SURE.

LET'S DO THIS.

I HAD A DREAM, YOU SEE.

A DREAM?

A DREAM WHERE MY DREAM CAME TRUE.

OH? JUST WHAT DID YOU SEE?

IN THE PAST, YOU SIMPLY JUST CHATTED WITH YOUR VIEWERS.

LATELY, YOU'VE BEEN TRYING EVERYTHING OUT...

CREAK

...REGARDLESS OF HOW IT MIGHT TURN OUT. GOOD ON YOU!

GRR... HOW VEXING!

FWEET-FWOOOOO

FWEET-FWOO

I'M NOT TELLING YOU.

I WON'T TELL YOU...

...BUT I'LL SHOW YOU ONE DAY.

TODAY, I'LL BE DOING THE HORROR GAME SPEEDRUN THING THAT'S BEEN TRENDING ONLINE!

H-HEL-LIKO, EVERYONE!

Wa ha ha ha!

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A WEEK LATER

THIS GAME IS PRETTY SHORT...

IT'S MY FIRST TIME LIVE-STREAMING A HORROR GAME, SO I'M REALLY NERVOUS!

I'VE SEEN MOST OF HER GAMING STREAMS.

I'M SURE SHE'S DONE A LOT OF PRACTICE...

SO SHE'S GOT GOOD PROSPECTS FOR THIS PROJECT.

SHE'S GOT QUITE A KNACK FOR IT.

IT'S A TYPICAL FPS WHERE YOU SHOOT ZOMBIES AS YOU ADVANCE THROUGH IT.

IT'S THE GENRE SHE'S BEST AT.

I ALSO PLAYED THIS GAME IN ADVANCE.

IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY KIRINO WILL BE PICKED FOR THE PROJECT.

I SAW GAME-PLAY VIDEOS FROM OTHER VTUBERS, TOO, BUT THEY WERE NOTHING SPECIAL.

AHHH CREAAAK

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GO FOR IT, KIRINO!

SHOOT THOSE ZOMBIES DOWN FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR DREAM!

CLACK カタ CLACK カタ CLACK カタ CLACK カタ CLACK カタ CLACK カタ

I'LL JUST TAKE THIS GUN HERE...

...AND CRAFT SOME HEALING ITEMS...

CLACK カタ CLACK カタ CLACK カタ CLACK カタ CLACK カタ CLACK カタ

SHE'S THE TYPE THAT PHYSICALLY MOVES WHEN SHE'S GAMING, HUH?

...SO I'LL DODGE IT WITH A ROLL!

SWAAAY

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A TRAP IS GONNA ACTIVATE HERE...

SHE'S FASTER THAN EVERY OTHER VTUBER SO FAR.

SHE REALLY IS A SKILLED GAMER.

CREAK

THEY'RE REALLY FAST AND TOUGH IN THIS GAME.

THE ZOMBIES ARE A PROBLEM, THOUGH.

...THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY ISSUE.

BUT GIVEN HER PERFORMANCE SO FAR...

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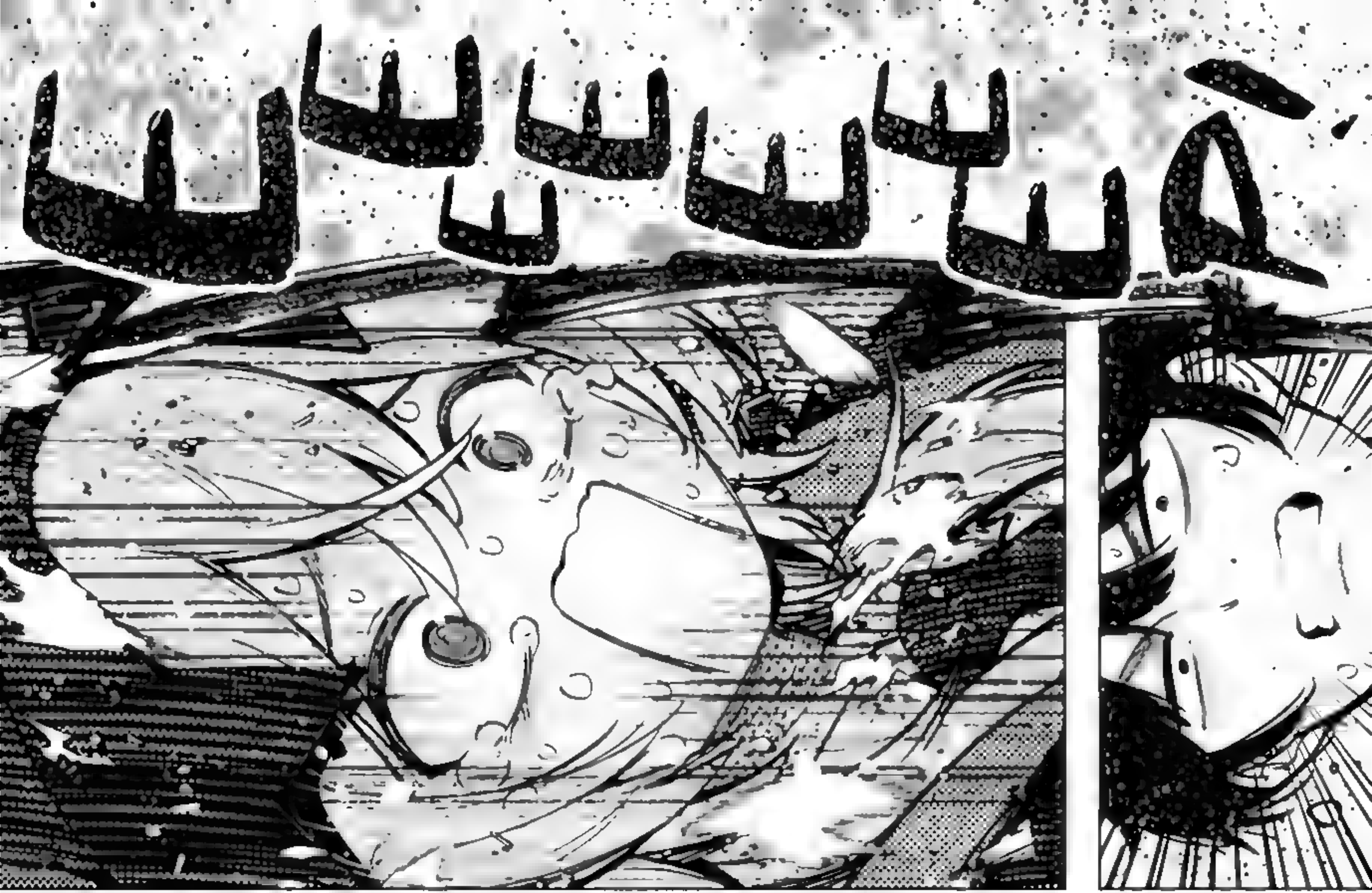

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OH NO, I'M GETTING EATEN!!!

STAY AWAY, YOU STUPID ZOMBIE !!!!

TUMBLE

I JUST CAN'T HANDLE HORROR...

I ALWAYS STOP PLAYING BEFORE THE ZOMBIES SHOW UP...

Here! Your controller.

DIDN'T YOU PRACTICE FOR THIS?!

MY BLOODLINE IS GOING TO END WITH ME!

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BAM!!!

MEOW!!!

HEY! DON'T THROW YOUR CON-TROLLER AWAY!

WHISPER

WHISPER

I'M GONNA WET MYSELF !!!

I CAN'T DO THIS ANY-MORE !!!

YOU HIT ME RIGHT IN THE PHILTRUM!!

IKO'S A TERSON TO HORROR GAMES 'S NO JOKE.

WOW, WHAT AN ID'OT

YAMABUKI-KUN'S MAKING IKO PLAY A HORROR GAME

THE NEXT DAY

...

YOU STILL GOT QUITE A LOT OF COMMENTS, AS WELL AS MORE SUBSCRIBERS.

WELL, EVEN IF YOUR CLEAR TIME WAS NO GOOD...

...I'M NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO DO THE COLLAB THING NOW, AM I?

BUT...

HOW COULD I FAIL SO MISERABLY?

YOU DID WHAT YOU COULD TO HELP ME OUT, BUT I BLEW IT...

IT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY WITH YOUR CLEAR TIME, YEAH.

THEN IT'S ALL MEAN-INGLESS.

I SAID I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I SAW IN MY DREAM...

...BUT I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER BE ABLE TO DO IT.

EVERYONE HAS THEIR WEAK-NESSES AND STRENGTHS.

NOT CHECKING WITH YOU IN ADVANCE WAS AN OVERSIGHT ON MY PART.

I'M SORRY!

...I JUST HAD TO GO... AND SCREW EVERYTHING UP.

YOU GAVE ME ALL THAT PRAISE, AND YET...

SST

IT'S FROM UZUKI...

TING TING

Heh.

HUH?

I SEE. THE VTUBER WORLD SURE IS FASCINATING.

IT'S CUZ A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE A SHAVED HEAD FETISH.

NONE OF THOSE RIDICULOUS THEORIES, PLEASE.

*AN ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT. IT'S THE BIGGEST AMATEUR SPORT EVENT IN JAPAN. PLAYERS ALSO TEND TO HAVE SHAVED HEADS, DUE TO TRADITIONS FROM WORLD WAR II.

KIRINO...

WHY DO YOU THINK THE KOSHIEN* IS POPULAR, EVEN THOUGH IT'S RANKED BELOW PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL?

SKILLS ALONE AREN'T ENOUGH TO MOVE SOMEONE'S HEART, YOU SEE.

THEIR INEXPERIENCE ALSO CREATES A LOT OF TWISTS AND TURNS IN THEIR STORY.

THE YOUNG PLAYERS ALL WORK VERY HARD, AND THERE'S ALSO A LOT OF DRAMA LEADING UP TO THE TOURNAMENT.

SST

THEY CAN...?

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

IT WORKS THE SAME WAY FOR VTUBERS. AS LONG AS YOUR EFFORTS MAKE AN IMPRESSION...

...PEOPLE WILL FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU.

SOMETIMES, EVEN YOUR SHORTCOMINGS CAN BE YOUR WEAPON.

YOUR OVER-THE-TOP FREAKOUT MUST HAVE WON THEM OVER.

WHAT?! NO WAY! HOW?!

IKON SUMERAGI
STREAM COMPILATION
IKON SUMERAGI 270K VIEWS 3 HOURS AGO

BAM

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

THE COMPILATION VIDEO OF YOUR STREAM...

HAS BEEN RAPIDLY RISING THROUGH THE RANKINGS.

...PRECISELY BECAUSE OF YOUR FEAR OF HORROR GAMES.

YOU MADE AN IMPRESSION ON A LOT OF PEOPLE...

THAT'S GREAT...

WOOOW...

I'M SO GLAD I'M SUCH A SCAREDY-CAT...

IF YOU'RE TRENDING LIKE THIS, THEN MAYBE KONPILER...

...WILL TAKE NOTICE AND INVITE YOU AS A SPECIAL GUEST.

PFFT

WHY DON'T YOU SEE FOR YOURSELF?

BY THE WAY, WHAT DID THE COMPILATION INCLUDE?

I DIDN'T WET MY-SELF!!!

WELL, A THUMBNAIL HAS TO BE EYE-CATCH-ING...

ROOKIE VTUBER WETS HERSELF OUT OF FEAR!

IKON SUMERAGI STREAM COMPILATION

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YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN!

THERE'S NO WAY I'M GETTING INVITED NOW!

LIKE HECK IT IS!!

Mreowww!

THAT MIGHT JUST BE KONPILER'S COLLAB INVITATION.

SEE? THERE'S THAT NOTIFICATION SOUND.

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COLLAB INVITATION

CHAPTER 24: A BOLT FROM THE BLUE